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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

Many years of effort and many dollars have been spent on siting a national disposal facility, and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation. For years, electricity rate payers have paid a nuclear waste disposal fee intended for Yucca Mountain with each of their electric bills, and now it does not seem fair to abort the project. With utilities going through deregulation and the energy crisis in California, the money already invested in Yucca Mountain needs to be capitalized on. If the investment in Yucca Mountain were to be all for not, what financial accommodations will be made for the country to store the nuclear waste elsewhere? In addition to the environmental considerations already reviewed, you must also consider the economic prudence and financial benefit with the use of this single site as a repository.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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